



Air Conservation Commission

Department fact sheet

10/2003

Statute/Authority

Statute 643.040

Number of Members

7

Number of Members Appointed by the Governor

7

Is Senate Confirmation Required?

State Air Law requires Senate Confirmation.

Membership Composition

All members shall be representative of the general interest of the public and shall have an interest in and knowledge of air conservation and the effects and control of air contaminants.

Terms

Four years and until their successors are selected and qualified.

Political Affiliation

No more than four from the same political party.

Compensation

Reasonable and necessary expenses.

Geographic Consideration

At least three members shall represent agriculture, industrial and labor interests, respectively. No two members shall be a resident of or domiciled in the same Senatorial district.

Responsibilities of the Commission/Members

(a) Prepare and develop a general comprehensive plan for the prevention, abatement and control of air pollution; (b) Encourage political subdivisions to handle air pollution problems within their respective jurisdictions to the extent possible and practicable and provide assistance to political subdivisions; (c) Encourage voluntary cooperation by persons or affected groups to achieve the purposes of Sections 643.010 to 643.190; (d) Encourage and conduct studies, investigations and research; (e) Collect and disseminate information and conduct education and training programs; (f) Advise consult and cooperate with other agencies of the state political subdivisions, industries, other states and the federal government, and with interested persons or groups; and (g) Represent the State of Missouri in all matters pertaining to interstate air pollution including the negotiations of interstate compacts or agreements.



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Frequency of Meeting and Location(s)

Monthly - 8 in Jefferson City, 4 in other sections of Missouri.

Time Expended by Commissioners for Meetings and Preparation Thereof

Preparation of meetings depend mostly of how many items are on the agenda. The preparation time can vary anywhere from 4 to 8 hours and the meetings can vary anywhere from 2 to 3 hours. Therefore time expended can be from 6 to 11 hours per meeting.

Requirement for Inclusion of Items on Agenda

Items that are included on the commission meeting agenda must be issues or actions relating to air quality. Items include - rule actions (proposed rulemakings and orders of rulemaking recommended for adoption), enforcement actions (AGO referral requests) and permit actions (appeals and variance requests). At the commission's pleasure, presentations on air quality topics of benefit to the commission, regulated communities, the general public and the state can also be included on the agenda (e.g. new technology in air pollution, specific air quality topics of interest, etc.).

Public Comment Opportunities at Meetings

Statements of the opportunity for public comment with information on how to provide comments is included in the following -

- Public hearing notices that are published in seven newspapers throughout the state, provided to local agencies, regional offices, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and posted in the lobby of the Air Pollution Control Program.
- Approximately 100 briefing documents and approximately 35 meeting agendas that are mailed out to private entities, organizations and environmental groups.
- Proposed rulemakings that are published in the Missouri Register.
- Public hearing statements made at the beginning of each public hearing.
- Public hearing attendance forms available at public hearing reception table asked if the attendee wishes to make a statement.

As noted in the statements of opportunity for public comment, written comments are accepted for 7 days after the public hearing. In addition, the Regulatory Agenda that is posted on the department's Web site includes the public comment period.

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